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Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

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(c) United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s.

6. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit.

7. Provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Committee.

8. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-eighth session.

Annotations

1. Election of officers

At its thirty-seventh session, in 1997, the Committee elected a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. It will be recalled that at its twenty-fourth session, the Committee decided that thenceforth the post of Chairman, as well as the other posts on the bureau, should rotate annually among the regional groups. At its twenty-fifth session, the Committee reaffirmed that decision and adopted the following pattern of rotation for the post of Chairman: (a) Group of African States; (b) Group of Eastern European States; (c) Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; (d) Group of Western European and other States; and (e) Group of Asian States.

At its thirty-eighth session, the Committee may wish to elect the Chairman from the Group of Asian States in accordance with the agreed pattern of rotation for the post of Chairman, and the Rapporteur from the regional group that had occupied the post of Chairman the previous year, namely, the Group of Western European and other States.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Pursuant to paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/41 of 10 May 1979 and paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 34/50 of 23 November 1979, the Committee submitted to the Council and the Assembly for their review the provisional agenda for its thirty-eighth session, together with the list of documentation requested. The present provisional agenda and list of documentation also take into account decisions taken by the Council and the Assembly since the previous session of the Committee.

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

(a) Annual report of the Secretary-General on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

In its resolution 45/254 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly decided to continue considering annually the administrative, structural and other aspects of the improvement of the efficiency of the Organization, and requested the Secretary-General to report accordingly.

At its thirty-fourth session, in 1994, the Committee endorsed the measures on the establishment of a transparent and effective system of accountability and responsibility to be taken by 1 January 1995 and recommended that future proposals should be submitted as appropriate to the General Assembly through the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Furthermore, it should be recalled that at its resumed forty-ninth session, the General Assembly, in its decision 49/489, decided to defer consideration of the documents relating to the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and requested the Secretary-General to update his report on the restructuring of the Secretariat (A/49/336) and to apprise the Assembly of the measures taken in order to implement the recommendations contained in his report on the establishment of a transparent and effective system of accountability and responsibility (A/C.5/49/1). In its decision 50/503, the General Assembly decided to defer once again consideration of the documents relating to the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations to its fifty-first session.

At its thirty-sixth session, in 1996, the Committee, in view of the absence of a report of the Secretary-General on the administrative, structural and other aspects of the improvement of the efficiency of the Organization, as mandated in General Assembly resolution 45/254 of 21 December 1990, decided to defer to its thirty-seventh session consideration of the question of review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

At its thirty-seventh session, in 1997, the Committee, in view of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform" (A/51/950), decided to postpone to its thirty-eighth session consideration of the question of review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

Owing to the ongoing and continual reporting to Member States in various forums, including the Committee for Programme and Coordination, on the wide-ranging administrative and efficiency initiatives, the issue had been covered more than adequately.

Furthermore, with the adoption of the reform measures late last year, the Secretary-General has refocused plans for efficiency, as well as structural and administrative changes, and has proposed some far-reaching initiatives in those areas. The Secretary-General is currently following up on the implementation of those initiatives and will be reporting on each of them as they develop. In this manner, more valuable information will be provided than could be contained in an overview type of report that is generic rather than specific.

In addition, in view of the Secretary-General's proposal to limit documentation that simply repackages information that has already been disseminated, the Committee may wish to postpone to its thirty-ninth session the consideration of the report on management issues taking into account the continuing development of the initiatives by the Secretary-General.

(b) Outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001

In accordance with annex I to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, the Secretary-General is to submit an outline of the programme budget for the following biennium that contains an indication of the following:

(i) Preliminary estimate of resources to accommodate the proposed programme of activities during the biennium;

(ii) Priorities, reflecting general trends of a broad sectoral nature;

(iii) Real growth, positive or negative, compared with the previous budget;

(iv) Size of the contingency fund expressed as a percentage of the overall level of resources.

In accordance with annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, the Committee for Programme and Coordination, acting as a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly, is to consider the outline of the programme budget and submit its conclusions and recommendations to the Assembly through the Fifth Committee.

In its resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987, the General Assembly decided that the date for submission of the outline of the programme budget would be 15 August of the off-budget year. The Committee will consider the report of the Secretary-General on the outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 when it resumes its thirty-eighth session from 17 to 28 August 1998.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/__)

4. Programme questions

(a) Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996-1997

Regulation 6.1 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation reads as follows:

> "The Secretary-General shall monitor the delivery of output scheduled in the approved programme budget through a central unit in the Secretariat. After the completion of the biennial budget period, the Secretary-General shall report to the General Assembly, through the Committee for Programme and Coordination, on programme performance during that period."

In section IV of its resolution 51/219 of 18 December 1996, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1994-1995 (A/51/128 and Add.1) and endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee contained in paragraphs 15 to 21 of the report on its thirty-sixth session (A/51/16, part I).

In paragraph 50 of the annex to its resolution 51/241 of 31 July 1997, the General Assembly encouraged the Secretary-General to submit proposals to the Assembly to improve the presentation of the programme performance report so as to enable the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Main Committees of the Assembly, without prejudice to the provisions of section VI of resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, as reaffirmed in resolution 51/221 of 18 December 1996, to consider the portions of the report related to their substantive work with reference to the medium-term plan, with a view to facilitating the consideration of the programme performance report by the Fifth Committee.

At its thirty-eighth session, the Committee will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996-1997.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/___)

(b) Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001

Regulation 4.11 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, reads as follows:

> "The medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes; revisions to the plan shall be considered by the General Assembly one year before the submission of the proposed programme budget providing for implementation of the changes. The proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan."

In its resolution 51/219, the General Assembly stressed the importance of priority-setting as an integral part of the planning, programming and budgeting process and requested the

Secretary-General to present to the Committee at its thirty-eighth session recommendations on priority-setting, including at the subprogramme level, within the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/__)

(c) Proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation

At its thirty-sixth session, the Committee agreed that if the new format of the medium-term plan were adopted, it would be necessary, as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/49/958), to amend as appropriate the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, which govern the preparation of the medium-term plan.

In its resolution 51/219, the General Assembly adopted the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, together with the relevant recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the additional conclusions and recommendations contained in the annex to that resolution, taking into account the views of the Main Committees of the General Assembly and requested the Secretary-General to propose revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, taking into account the views expressed by Member States thereon, and to submit such revisions to the Committee at its thirty-eighth session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/___)

(d) New narrative for section 7A, Economic and social affairs, and section 26, Public information, of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

In part III of its resolution 52/220, the General Assembly noted the creation of the new Department of Economic and Social Affairs and requested the Secretary-General to submit a new narrative of section 7A, Economic and social affairs, in full accordance with the medium-term plan, taking into account regulation 5.2 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, to be considered by the Committee at its thirty-eighth session. In the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Committee, at its thirty-eighth session, to review the new narrative and to submit its conclusions and recommendations thereon to the Assembly for its consideration during the first part of its fifty-third regular session and no later than 1 October 1998.

Furthermore, in the same resolution, the General Assembly noted the transformation of the Department of Public Information into an Office of Communications and Public Information and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Committee at its thirty-eighth session a new programme narrative for section 26 in the light of the recommendations of the Committee on Information regarding the conclusions and recommendations of the task force on the reorientation of United Nations public information activities.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (E/AC.51/1998/6)

(e) Evaluation

In accordance with regulation 7.4 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, the Committee will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the evaluation role and the application of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives. In this regard, the attention of the Committee is drawn to the relevant sections of General Assembly resolutions 36/228 B of 18 December 1981, 37/234 of 21 December 1982, 38/227 A and B of 20 December 1983, 42/215 of 21 December 1987, 43/219 of 21 December 1988, 44/194 of 21 December 1989 and 45/253 of 21 December 1990.

At its thirty-sixth session, the Committee recommended to the General Assembly that the crime prevention and criminal justice and international drug control programmes be the subjects of in-depth evaluation, and that reports thereon be presented to the Committee at its thirty-eighth session.

In accordance with regulation 7.4 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, the Committee will undertake, at its thirty-eighth session, a triennial review of the implementation of recommendations on the in-depth evaluation of peacekeeping operations: start-up phase, and of the programme on environment.

It may be recalled that at its thirty-fifth session, the Committee requested a study on the effects of the reorganization of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) by the Office of Internal Oversight Services, as a follow-up to the in-depth evaluation of the programme on environment, for consideration by the Committee at its thirty-seventh session.

At its thirty-seventh session, the Committee took note of the report and looked forward to the full implementation of its recommendations in accordance with the decisions of the Governing Council of UNEP at its nineteenth session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives (A/53/90)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the international drug control programme (E/AC.51/1998/2)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the crime prevention and criminal justice programme (E/AC.51/1998/3)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations on the in-depth evaluation of peacekeeping: start-up phase (E/AC.51/1998/4)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations on the in-depth evaluation of the programme on environment (E/AC.51/1998/5)

5. Coordination questions

(a) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the Committee will have before it the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1997.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1997 (E/1998/___)

(b) Progress report on the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001

At its thirty-sixth session, the Committee considered the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the proposed system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001, and in the light of its joint responsibility for monitoring the implementation of the plan and the anticipated mid-term review to be conducted by the Commission on the Status of Women and the Economic and Social Council in 1998, the Committee agreed to conduct a progress review of the plan at its thirty-eighth session.

Documentation

Mid-term review of the implementation of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001 (E/CN.6/1998/3)

(c) United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

At its thirty-seventh session, the Committee considered the reports on the revised system-wide plan of action for African economic recovery and development and on the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa and recommended that, in order to assist in establishing a functional linkage between the New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and the Special Initiative, the latter henceforth be referred to as the "United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s". In that connection, the Committee called upon the Secretary-General to rationalize and enhance the coordination mechanisms of the United Nations system at the national, regional and global levels to ensure that there was a clear delineation of responsibilities and to avoid a duplication of efforts among the United Nations units and agencies involved in the follow-up, implementation and monitoring of the Special Initiative and the New Agenda. The Committee recommended that, in order to ensure that future reports were more substantive and comprehensive, the relevant units responsible for coordination and implementation of programmes at the regional and country levels, as well as the Inter-agency Task Force on Africa's Critical Economic Situation, Recovery and Development, be more fully involved in their preparation.

In paragraph 354 of the report of the Committee on the work of its thirty-seventh session,[1] the Committee recommended that, in view of the fact that the two areas of regional cooperation and integration and economic diversification were critical priority areas in Africa's development, the Administrative Committee on Coordination Steering Committee for the Special Initiative should make the necessary arrangements for the elaboration of comprehensive programmes in respect of the areas of regional cooperation and integration

and economic diversification, including measures for the mobilization of adequate resources to buttress such programmes under the Special Initiative. Accordingly, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs has informed the co-chairmen of the Steering Committee, who advised that necessary arrangements were being made. The progress report on the Special Initiative will therefore include in an annex the programmes related to the two additional areas.

In accordance with paragraph 359 of its report, the Committee will have before it at its thirty-eighth session a progress report on the renamed Special Initiative, which should include measures taken in response to the recommendations contained in paragraphs 356 and 357 of the Committee's report.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (E/AC.51/1998/7)

6. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

At its organizational meeting each year, the Committee selects the Joint Inspection Unit reports to be considered at its regular session of that year from a list of titles to be made available by the secretariat of the Unit, including the titles of reports projected for the following two years.

The attention of the Committee is drawn to General Assembly resolution 42/218 of 21 December 1987, in which the Assembly requested all bodies of the United Nations system to examine closely those reports of the Joint Inspection Unit that were within their respective areas of competence and to comment, as appropriate, on the recommendations contained therein. The attention of the Committee is also drawn to Assembly resolution 45/237 of 21 December 1990.

In its resolution 48/221 of 23 December 1993, the General Assembly invited the Joint Inspection Unit, in its future work programmes, to put more emphasis on inspection and evaluation to ensure optimum use of funds in order to enhance the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations system. It also requested the Unit, when appropriate, to provide in its reports information on estimated financial implications or possible cost savings resulting from implementation of the recommendations formulated therein.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly called upon the Joint Inspection Unit to follow up on the implementation of its recommendations and to include the relevant information regularly in its annual reports. The Assembly also invited the Unit to maintain a close relationship with the Committee for Programme and Coordination, the International Civil Service Commission, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Board of Auditors, the Panel of External Auditors and organizations and bodies within the United Nations system in order to ensure greater and more cost-effective coordination of their respective activities for the promotion of management efficiency, greater accountability and transparency of the United Nations and other participating organizations. It also requested the executive heads of the participating organizations to increase their efforts to make detailed and timely comments on Joint Inspection Unit reports and to ensure that their governing bodies considered those reports.

Furthermore, in paragraph 5 (e) (iii) of its resolution 48/218 B of 29 July 1994, in which it established the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the General Assembly decided that the Board of Auditors and the Joint Inspection Unit should be provided with copies of all

final reports produced by the Office as well as the comments of the Secretary-General on them, and should provide the Assembly with their comments as appropriate.

In its resolution 50/233 of 7 June 1996, the General Assembly requested the Joint Inspection Unit to continue to focus its reports on important priority items, identifying concrete managerial, administrative and programming questions aimed at providing the Assembly and other legislative organs of participating organizations with practical and action-oriented recommendations on precisely defined issues. It also requested the Unit to issue its reports well in advance of meetings of the legislative organs of participating organizations so that they can be thoroughly and effectively utilized by those organs.

7. Provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Committee

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, the Committee will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its thirty-ninth session, with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Committee to consider those documents from the point of view of their contribution to the work of the Committee, their urgency and their relevance in the light of the current situation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat (E/AC.51/1998/L.___)

8. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-eighth session

The report of the Committee on its thirty-eighth session will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 and to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/5216).

Annex I

Draft programme of work

Organizational session for 1998

Friday, 8 May 1998

Election of officers [1]

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work [2]

Provisional agenda and note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the session. (E/AC.51/1998/1 and E/AC.51/1998/L.1)

Note by the Secretariat on the current notional costs of documentation and utilization of interpretation services (E/AC.51/1998/L.2)

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit [6]

Selection of the report(s) to be considered by the Committee at its thirty-eighth session

Thirty-eighth session, part I

Monday, 1 June and Tuesday, 2 June (morning and afternoon)

Programme questions [4]

(e) Evaluation

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives (A/53/90)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the final report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the international drug control programme (E/AC.51/1998/2)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the final report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the crime prevention and criminal justice programme (E/AC.51/1998/3)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations on the in-depth evaluation of peacekeeping: start-up phase (E/AC.51/1998/4)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations on the in-depth evaluation of the programme on environment (E/AC.51/1998/5)

Introduction and general discussion

Wednesday, 3 June (morning and afternoon)

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit [6]

Coordination questions [5]

(a) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1997 (E/1998/___)

(b) Progress report on the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001

Mid-term review of the implementation of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001 (E/CN.6/1998/3)

Letter from the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women to the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the mid-term review of the implementation of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001 (E/AC.51/1998/8)

(c) United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (E/AC.51/1998/7)

Introduction and general discussion

Thursday, 4 June (morning and afternoon)

Coordination questions [5]

(a) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1997 (E/1998/___)

(b) Progress report on the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001

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(c) United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (E/AC.51/1998/7)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

Thursday, 4 June (afternoon)

Informal consultations on:

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit [6]

Friday, 5 June
(morning and afternoon)

Informal consultations on:

Programme questions [4]

(e) Evaluation

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives (A/53/90)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the international drug control programme (E/AC.51/1998/2)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the in-depth evaluation of the crime prevention and criminal justice programme (E/AC.51/1998/3)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations on the in-depth evaluation of peacekeeping: start-up phase (E/AC.51/1998/4)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations on the in-depth evaluation of the programme on environment (E/AC.51/1998/5)

Monday, 8 June
(morning and afternoon)

Informal consultations on:

Coordination questions [5]

(a) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1997 (E/1998/___)

(b) Progress report on the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001

Mid-term review of the implementation of the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001 (E/CN.6/1998/3)

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(c) United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the implementation of the United Nations Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (E/AC.51/1998/7)

Programme questions [4]

(e) Evaluation

Tuesday, 9 June (morning and afternoon)	Informal consultations on: **Programme questions [4]** (e) Evaluation **Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit [6]** **Coordination questions [5]** (a) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (b) Progress report on the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001 (c) United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s
Wednesday, 10 June (morning and afternoon)	**Programme questions [4]** (a) Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996-1997 Report of the Secretary-General on programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/53/___) Introduction and general discussion
Thursday, 11 June (morning and afternoon)	**Programme questions [4]** (c) Proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (A/53/___) (d) New narrative for section 7A, Economic and social affairs, and section 26, Public information, of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 Report of the Secretary-General on the new narrative for section 7A, Economic and social affairs, and section 26, Public information, of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (E/AC.51/1998/6) Introduction and general discussion
Friday, 12 June (morning and afternoon)	Informal consultations on: **Coordination questions [5]** (a) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (b) Progress report on the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996-2001

(c) United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

Programme questions [4]

(a) Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996-1997

Monday, 15 June and Tuesday, 16 June (morning and afternoon)

Programme questions [4]

(b) Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 (A/53/___)

Introduction and general discussion

Wednesday, 17 June and Thursday, 18 June (morning and afternoon)

Informal consultations on:

Programme questions [4]

(a) Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1996-1997

(c) Proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (A/53/___)

(d) New narrative for section 7A, Economic and social affairs, and section 26, Public information, on the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

Report of the Secretary-General on the new narrative for section 7A, Economic and social affairs, and section 26, Public information, of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (E/AC.51/1998/6)

Friday, 19 June (morning and afternoon)

Informal consultations on:

Programme questions [4]

(b) Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 (A/53/___)

Monday, 22 June and Tuesday, 23 June (morning and afternoon)	Informal consultations on: **Programme questions [4]** (b) Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001
Wednesday, 24 June (morning and afternoon)	Informal consultations on: All outstanding issues
Thursday, 25 June (morning and afternoon)	Informal consultations on: All outstanding issues
Friday, 26 June (morning and afternoon)	**Provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Committee [7]** **Adoption of the report of the Committee on the first part of its thirty-eighth session [8]**

Thirty-eighth session, part II
[To be communicated at a later date]

Annex II

Members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for 1998[a]

Country	*Term expires 31 December*
Argentina	1999
Austria	1999
Bahamas	2000
Brazil	1999
Cameroon	1999
China	1998
Congo	1999
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1998
Egypt	1998
France	2000
Germany	1999
Indonesia	1999
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1999
Italy	1999
Japan	1998
Mexico	2000
Nicaragua	1999
Nigeria	1999
Pakistan	1999
Poland	1999
Republic of Korea	1998
Romania	1999
Russian Federation	2000
Thailand	1999
Togo	1998
Trinidad and Tobago	1999
Uganda	2000
Ukraine	1999
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1999
United States of America	2000
Uruguay	1998
Zambia	2000
Zimbabwe	1999

[a] One seat from the Group of Western European and other States remains to be filled